

found on page 1849 of the Journal. It asks that the Legislature deem it desirable and recommends to the Governor that the Alzheimer's Disease Task Force be rechartered and continue.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) If I could have your attention, please. Could we hold it down so that we can hear Senator Smith on her resolution, please. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the body, Senator Lynch and myself are co-sponsoring, along with the assistance of the Health and Human Services Committee, a resolution which would extend the length of time for the special task force that reviewed the Alzheimer's situation and the problems that are concerned with Alzheimer's disease last year that was established by this body. We would like...if you remember, resolutions 108 and 137 were resolutions that both Senator Carsten and myself presented to the body for you to look at the problems around Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Just a follow-up on that, a committee was put together, a task force was put together of folks that were headed by Senator Carsten, former Senator Carsten I should say, and other health care folks. They've been meeting during the interim and during the beginning of this year now. And we held a special hearing on the study. It was very emotional in nature, and Oline Marvel testified at that hearing, and you'll all recall that that was the disease that took the life of Senator Dick Marvel. The group, as I said, was chaired by Senator Carsten. They decided that there were several other issues that should be a part of that study, such as respite care and Medicaid spin-down, private insurance and so on, those should be given the first emphasis. LB 804 set a task force to look at private sector insurance initiatives, and we think now if the time to explore solutions to the other problems caused by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. We would ask your support on this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You've heard the report on the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. May I direct your attention, please, to the north balcony where Senator Pirsch has 37 Benson Women's Republican Club members from Omaha. There are